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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2012 MEETING (corrected-Approved March 14, 2012)

In attendance: Joey Glushko, William Hayner, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Brucie Moulton, David White. Absent: Paul Bayer, Kathleen Bodie, Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Mary Harrison, Gordon Jamieson, Annie LaCourt, John Leone, Cheryl Miller, Angela Olszewski, William Shea, Heidi Sheehan, Brian Sullivan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with corrections. It was noted that minutes need to list absentees as well as attendees.

The Census Survey went out so late that only about six weeks are left for replying before the March 15 deadline, but already 1050 returns have come in on paper (in 4 days) and 356 on-line. Reminders will go out in February via the Arlington List (Josh), Town Alerts, and the *Arlington Advocate*. Joey passed around a sample of early collation of data, thus far.

Vision 2020 has not received any CDBG money for four years. This year's survey was paid for from an award; we don't have enough money for next year's survey (expected to cost about \$3100). We will ask for \$5000 for the survey and other incidental expenses.

Warrant articles:

Water Bodies Fund: Coming from Standing Committee, Con Com, DPW, and the three environmental committees. Teresa DeBenedictis has the spreadsheet of past expenditures.

Public Art Group, headed by Vision 2020 and the Arlington Center for the Arts, has an article to remove public art from falling under the zoning bylaw on signage.

Events:

The Board of Health discussed swimming bans due to microcystis algae at its February 1 meeting, but the state may stop testing for algae.

The recent benefit concert for the silver maple forest was well attended.

The reception for departing Town Manager Brian Sullivan will be February 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Candidates' Night March 29, 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

EcoFest March 31, 10 am – 2 pm, Town Hall. The theme will be food and the speaker will be Charlie Radoslavich.

Related events: Frances Moore Lappe speaking that evening; a film titled "Dirt;" a speaker, on food distribution, in April.

Spy Pond Trails Day will be May 12, 9 am – 1 pm. The Spy Pond Committee is looking for a spring speaker.

Joey distributed copies of the new "Town of Arlington Employee Board & Committee Legal Handbook." It is supposed to be "made available to all staff in [a] department, as well as to the members of any boards, commissions, and committees attached to [the] department." It is unclear how this can be implemented for Vision 2020 committees, which have no defined membership; regular committee participants will be asked to complete the review sections of the Ethics and Open Meeting laws.